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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 30 October 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Iraq

Other matters

Morning*	3938th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation concerning Western Sahara

   Report of the Secretary-General on the situation concerning Western Sahara (S/1998/997)

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* Following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION 661 (1990) CONCERNING THE SITUATION BETWEEN IRAQ AND KUWAIT

3.30 p.m.*	175th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7

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* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same room, immediately following the meeting. Following the oral briefing, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press in the Press Room.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 63 to 80 *(continued)*

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/53/INF.1)]

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	29th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Environment and sustainable development [94]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.21

2. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [97]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.22

3. Macroeconomic policy questions [91] (A/53/60, A/53/62, A/53/69, A/53/185, A/53/416, A/53/447 and Corr.1, A/C.2/53/4)

   (a) Trade and development (A/53/15 (Parts I, II and III), A/53/510, A/53/331, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311)

   Introductory statement and general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	30th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Macroeconomic policy questions [91] (A/53/60, A/53/62, A/53/69, A/53/185, A/53/416, A/53/447 and Corr.1, A/C.2/53/4)

   (a) Trade and development (A/53/15 (Parts I, II and III), A/53/510, A/53/331, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311)

   Conclusion of general discussion

2. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93] (A/53/296, A/53/374, A/53/60, A/53/62, A/53/63-S/1998/100, A/53/69, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/96, A/53/124, A/53/155, A/53/168, A/53/204, A/53/371-S/1998/848, A/53/396, A/53/411, A/53/412, A/53/416, A/53/447 and Corr.1, A/53/453, A/53/493, A/53/506, A/C.2/53/4)

   (e) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s (A/53/553, A/C.2/53/3)

   General discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1
Morning*-1 p.m.	29th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions [110] (A/53/58, A/53/74, A/53/75, A/53/77-S/1998/171, A/53/79, A/53/80, A/53/94-S/1998/309, A/53/99-S/1998/344, A/53/131-S/1998/435, A/53/167, A/53/203, A/53/205-S/1998/711, A/53/214, A/53/215, A/53/225-S/1998/747, A/53/343, A/53/404, A/53/425, A/53/489**, A/53/493, A/53/494, A/53/497, A/C.3/53/4, A/C.3/53/5, A/C.3/53/7 and A/53/165-S/1998/601, A/C.3/53/9)

2. Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [110(a)] (A/53/40, (Volumes I and II)**, A/53/44, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/118, A/53/125, A/53/230, A/53/253, A/53/283, A/53/339, A/53/432, A/53/469)

   Conclusion of general discussion

3. Advancement of women [103]

   Action on the following draft resolutions: A/C.3/53/L.10, L.11, L.12/Rev.1 and L.13

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* Following the adjournment of the informal meeting of the Committee.

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B [145]

   Conclusion of general discussion

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

   Thematic reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/51/933, A/52/575, A/52/339 and Add.1, A/52/776, A/52/777, A/52/821, A/52/1010, A/52/1020 and A/53/467)

   Conclusion of general discussion

3. Joint Inspection Unit [165] (A/51/34, A/52/34, A/51/559 and Corr.1, A/52/206, A/52/267 and A/53/180)

   Conclusion of general discussion

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development Account (A/C.5/52/1009 and A/53/7/Add.1))

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* Following the adjournment of the 17th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Open-ended informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.3 entitled "Implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions"

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COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	194th meeting	Conference Room 6

1. Draft report of the Committee (A/AC.154/1998/ CRP.1 and CRP.2)

2. Other matters

COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION

Twentieth session

3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 1
Afternoon*-6 p.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 1

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* Following the adjournment of the informal consultations of the Committee.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

Second regular session of 1998

3 p.m.-6.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

The coordinator of the draft resolution on the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, Mr. Busacca (Italy), will hold informal consultations *today*, 30 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A. Copies of the preliminary draft can be obtained in room S-2950.

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The Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, Ms. Sandru (Romania) will hold informal consultations on a draft proposal on the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women (agenda item 104) *today*, 30 October, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The informal consultations of the Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women, scheduled for *today*, 30 October 1998, have been postponed to a later date, which will be announced in the *Journal*.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 30 October 1998

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(item 104: Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women)

9.30 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES GROUP

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 94 (a): Implementation of the follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, including the outcome of the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21; and item 94 (d): Convention on Biological Diversity)

3 p.m.-4 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 91 (a): Trade and development; and item 98: Implementation of the United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty)

5 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

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There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee *today*, 30 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Forum

The Women's International Forum will hold a meeting *today*, 30 October 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The Forum will be addressed by Mr. Michael Douglas, United Nations Peace Messenger, on "Spreading the Message of Peace and Disarmament". Participants are asked to be seated by 10.45 a.m. All delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Seminars

A seminar on the theme "Roll Back Malaria Global Partnership", organized by WHO, UNDP, UNICEF and the World Bank, will take place *today*, 30 October 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 6. Speakers will include Mr. David Nabarro, newly appointed Project Manager of Roll Back Malaria, WHO; Mr. Ok Pannenborg, Sector Leader, Health Population and Nutrition, Africa Region, World Bank; Mr. Kopano Mukelabai, Senior Health Adviser, UNICEF; and a representative from the Social Development and Poverty Elimination Division, UNDP. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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A seminar on the theme "The Impact of Reductions in Working Hours on Employment", sponsored by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), will take place *today*, 30 October 1998, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A. Professor Dr. Gerhard Bosch of the Institut Arbeit und Technik, Germany, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

The informal consultations on agenda item 37 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development) will be held *today*, 30 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 2 October 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 2 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. — 50th PLENARY MEETING — General Assembly Hall

1. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) [49].
2. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/544/) [125].
3. Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/545) [136].
4. Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/546) [140].
5. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [14]:
   (a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Agency (A/53/286);
   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.18).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 2

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	31st meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	32nd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	30th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	31st meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 4

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

Ms. Catherine Bertini, Executive Director of the World Food Programme, will brief delegations of the General Assembly on "Eradicating Hunger". The Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, Mr. David Prendergast, will chair the briefing. This meeting is in connection with agenda items 95 (Operational activities for development (relief/development linkages)), 103 (Advancement of Women), 98 (Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)) and 110 (b) (Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms). The briefing will be held on Monday, 2 November 1998, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee, beginning on Wednesday, 4 November 1998, as follows:

On 4 November, following the Committee's dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Mary Robinson: Mr. Max van der Stoel (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Iraq); Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on Religious Intolerance); Mr. Roberto Garreton (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); Mr. Jiri Dienstbier (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Former Yugoslavia); Mr. Rajsoomer Lallah (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar); Mr. Soli Jehangir Sorabjee (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Nigeria); Mr. Adama Dieng (Independent Expert on the Situation of Human Rights in Haiti); Ms. Asma Jahangir (Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions); and Mr. Francis Deng (Special Rapporteur on Internally Displaced Persons);

On 5 November: M. Michel Mousalli (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the Situation of Human Rights in Rwanda); and Mr. Nigel Rodley (Special Rapporteur on Torture);

On 6 November: Mr. Thomas Hammarberg (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the Situation of Human Rights in Cambodia); and Mr. Maurice Copithorne (Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for questions and comments.

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The 1998 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 1998 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held in two segments.

The joint opening of both Pledging Conferences will take place on Tuesday, 3 November 1998, at 3 p.m., in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to be followed by the segment devoted to the 1998 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme.

The second segment devoted to the 1998 Pledging Conference for Development Activities will be held on Wednesday, 4 November, at 10 a.m. and on Thursday, 5 November, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

It would be appreciated if delegations that have not already submitted the names of their representatives to both Pledging Conferences could do so to the Secretary of the Pledging Conferences, Mr. Alexandre de Barros (room S-2950-G, tel.: 963-2320).

The list of speakers for both pledging conferences is open until Monday, 2 November.

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The twentieth meeting of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee will be held on Monday, 2 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The second regular session of the Organizational Committee of the Administrative Committee on Coordination will be resumed on 2 and 3 November 1998 (Part II) in Conference Room 6.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Seminar

A seminar on the theme "Accounting for Gender in National Budgets", organized by the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), will be held on Wednesday, 4 November 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The main speaker will be Ms. Diane Elson, Special Advisor to the Executive Director, UNIFEM. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 4 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m; Thursday, 5 November from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 6 November from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is *today*, 30 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

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Briefing

The Permanent Representative of Japan, H.E. Mr. Yukio Satoh, will hold a briefing on the outcome of the Second Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD II) on Thursday, 5 November 1998, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Representatives of TICAD II, the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), the United Nations Development Programme and the Global Coalition for Africa will participate. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 29 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

48th plenary meeting

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly: letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences (A/53/298/Add.2) [8]

The General Assembly adopted the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences contained in a letter from the Chairman of the Committee (A/53/298/Add.2) to authorize the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories to meet in New York during the main part of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee [22]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/306);

(b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.9)

The representative of India made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.9.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and of the Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Cyprus), the Islamic Republic of Iran, Sri Lanka, China, Indonesia, the Philippines and Ghana.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/2 of 13 October of 1980, the Secretary-General of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.9 (resolution 53/14).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 22.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization [34]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/435);

(b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.14)

The representative of Kazakhstan made a statement in the course of which she introduced draft resolution A/53/L.14.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.14 (resolution 53/15).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 34.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference [26]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/430);

(b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.13)

The representative of Qatar made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.13.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Turkey, Indonesia, Senegal, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Morocco, Malaysia and Tunisia.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 3369 (XXX) of 10 October 1975, the observer for the Organization of the Islamic Conference made a statement.

The Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.13 (resolution 53/16).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 26.

49th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 49th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/210).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE — 18th meeting

The Committee continued its second stage of work.

Presentation and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda item 63 to 80

The representative of Malaysia introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.45.

The representative of India introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.14.

The representative of Kyrgyzstan introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.2.

The representative of Nepal introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.5.

The representative of Mongolia introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.10/Rev.1.

The representative of Japan introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.42.

The representative of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.44.

The representative of Hungary introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.6/Rev.1.

The representative of Croatia made a statement on draft resolutions A/C.1/53/L.33 and A/C.1/53/L.20.

The representatives of New Zealand, South Africa, Sweden and the United States made statements on draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.48*.

The representative of Pakistan introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.34.

The representative of Belarus introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.1.

The representative of France made a statement on draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.40.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 13th meeting

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects [85]

The Chairman drew attention to the report of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations (A/53/127) as well as to the draft resolution contained in document A/C.4/53/L.8.

The representative of Egypt, in his capacity as Rapporteur of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, introduced the report of the Special Committee contained in document A/53/127.

The Under-Secretary-General for the Department of Peacekeeping Operations made a statement.

The Committee began its general debate on the agenda item and heard statements made by the representatives of Denmark, Jordan (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Austria (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union (Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Romania) and the associated country Cyprus, as well as the EFTA country member of EEA, Iceland), Turkey, the Russian Federation, Thailand, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Bangladesh and Mexico.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate on the item the same day at 6 p.m.

SECOND COMMITTEE 27th meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93]

(c) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

The Committee began consideration of the sub-items.

The Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Bangladesh, Austria (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union (Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia) and the associated country, Cyprus, as well as the EFTA country member of the EEA, Iceland, which aligned themselves with this statement), the United States, the Russian Federation, Norway, China, New Zealand, Turkey, Benin, Lithuania, Mexico, Pakistan, the Republic of Korea, Myanmar and Lesotho.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the International Labour Organization.

The representative of the International Organization for Migration (an intergovernmental organization) made a statement.

The Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund and the Director of the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) made concluding remarks.

28th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [91]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.20

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representative of Indonesia introduced, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/53/L.20.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93]

(c) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.19

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representative of Indonesia introduced, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/53/L.19.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93]

(c) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

The Committee resumed the general discussion on agenda item 93 (c) and (f).

The Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme and Acting Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Arab Emirates, Kenya, Trinidad and Tobago, Singapore, Japan, Madagascar, Ukraine, Croatia, Romania and Nigeria.

The representative of the World Food Programme made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on sub-items 93 (c) and (f).

Macroeconomic policy questions [91]

(a) Trade and development

The Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development made an introductory statement.

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The Director of the Population Division of DESA made a presentation on the 1998 revision of the official United Nations population estimates and projections.

THIRD COMMITTEE 28th meeting

Human rights questions: Implementation of human rights instruments [110 (a)]

The Committee began its general discussion of the item and heard an introductory statement by the Deputy Director, New York Office, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Bangladesh, China, Cuba, Benin, Cameroon and the Czech Republic.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [106]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.15

The representative of Namibia, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Australia, Austria, the Bahamas, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Portugal, Slovenia, Suriname, Spain, Sweden, Swaziland, Trinidad and Tobago, the United Kingdom and Uruguay, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Côte d'Ivoire, the Czech Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, El Salvador, Micronesia (Federated States of), Romania and Ukraine joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada, Egypt, Cuba, the United States, the Syrian Arab Republic, Algeria, Zambia, China, Ethiopia and Austria as well as by the Chairman.

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under agenda item 110 (a) was Friday, 30 October, at 1 p.m.

The Committee agreed to modify the time-limits for statements under sub-items 110 (b), (c) and (e) as follows: (a) For individual delegations: speaking on one sub-item, 7 minutes; speaking on two sub-items, 10 minutes; speaking on all three sub-items, 15 minutes; (b) For groups of delegations: a maximum of 30 minutes.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 15th meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil (on behalf of the MERCOSUR countries), Australia (on behalf of Canada, Australia and New Zealand), Malaysia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Singapore, Cuba, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Bahrain, Guatemala, Ukraine, Ghana and Costa Rica.

The Chairman of the Committee on Contributions, Mr. David Etuket (Uganda), made a concluding statement and responded to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Committee informed the Committee, that informal consultations on this agenda item would resume on Tuesday, 3 November, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Frank Smyth (Ireland).

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Utilization of the development dividend

Statements on a procedural matter were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Austria (on behalf of the European Union).

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to postpone consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on the utilization of the development dividend (A/53/374) pending the outcome of the deliberations of the Second Committee on the matter.

Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B [145]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman made a statement and also informed the Committee that the list of speakers for the general discussion on this agenda item would be closed the same day at 6 p.m.

The representative of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Iceland and Norway) also made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

16th meeting

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Thematic reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the reports of that office (A/52/1010, A/52/1020 and A/53/467).

The Chairman informed the Committee that the list of speakers for the general discussion on this agenda item would be closed the same day at 6 p.m.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The representative of Japan spoke on a point of procedure.

The Secretary of the Committee responded to a question posed.

The representative of Japan made a statement.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services responded to questions posed.

Joint Inspection Unit [165]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit, Mr. Francesco Mezzalama (Italy), introduced the report of that Unit (A/53/180).

The Chairman informed the Committee that the list of speakers for the general discussion on this agenda item would be closed the same day at 6 p.m.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), the United States and Portugal.

The Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit responded to questions posed.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement. The Secretary of the Committee also made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 16th and 17th meetings

Note: The summary of the 16th and 17th meetings of the Sixth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/210).

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Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
United Nations Office at Geneva
Sixty-fourth session

THURSDAY, 29 OCTOBER 1998

1716th and 1717th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [4]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the fourth periodic report of Japan (CCPR/ C/115/Add.3).

In accordance with the Committee's rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

The Committee then examined concluding observations in closed session.

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United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Forty-fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 23 OCTOBER 1998

High-level mid-term review [3]

The Board was informed that the Midrand Declaration adopted at UNCTAD IX in May 1996 had called for a special high-level review meeting two years prior to UNCTAD X, to be chaired by the President of UNCTAD IX. It was also recalled that, in its resolution 52/182 of December 1997, the General Assembly had welcomed the convening of a special high-level mid-term review meeting in 1998 which would contribute to the preparations for the tenth session of the Conference, to be held in Thailand in 2000.

In the absence of H.E. Mr. Alec Erwin, Minister of Trade and Industry of South Africa, the High-level Meeting of the Mid-term Review was chaired by Dr. Z. Rustomjee, Director-General at the Ministry of Trade and Industry of South Africa.

An opening statement was made by H.E. Mr. Nacer Touimi Benjelloun (Morocco), Chairman of the Mid-term Review process, followed by statements by Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, the Director-General of the Ministry of Trade and Industry of South Africa and the Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand.

A general debate followed with statements by the representatives of the following countries: Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77), Argentina (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group), China, United States, Japan, Malaysia, Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Guatemala, Cuba, Turkey, Norway, Republic of Korea, Switzerland, Russian Federation, Jamaica, Mauritius and Uganda.

At the conclusion of the discussion, the Board requested the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to prepare and submit to delegations, through the Bureau, a draft provisional agenda for UNCTAD X for the purposes of consultations with a view to approving the provisional agenda at the nineteenth session of the Board on 15 December 1998.

The Board was also informed that, for planning purposes, the dates for UNCTAD X could in principle be 12-20 February 1998.

900th plenary meeting

A briefing on the Partners for Development Lyon Summit was given by the Ambassador of France and the Secretary-General of UNCTAD.

Adoption of the report on credentials [1 (c)]

The Board adopted the report of the Bureau on the credentials of representatives attending the forty-fifth session of the Board (TD/B/45/12).

Interdependence and global economic issues from a trade and development perspective: the causes, management and prevention of financial crisis [4]

H.E. Mr. Pérez del Castillo (Uruguay), Vice-President of the Board, reported to the Board on the outcome of the deliberations under agenda item 4.

The Board adopted the draft agreed conclusions in document TD/B/45/L.2 and Corr.1.

Report of Sessional Committee I on item 5 (Programme of Action for the LDCs)

The report of Sessional Committee I was introduced by the Chairman, H.E. Mr. Pekka Huhtaniemi (Finland).

The Board adopted the draft decision concerning the convening of the Third United Nations Conference on LDCs contained in document TD/B/45/SC.1/L.2 and approved its transmission to the General Assembly.

The Board adopted the agreed conclusions in document TD/B/45/SC.1/L.3.

The Board also took note of the report of Sessional Committee I in documents TD/B/45/SC.1/L.1 and Add.1 and decided that it should form an integral part of the report of the Board on its forty-fifth session.

Report of Sessional Committee II on item 6 (Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s)

The report of Sessional Committee II was introduced by the Chairman, H.E. Mr. Mohamed-Salah Dembi (Algeria).

The Board adopted the agreed conclusions in document TD/B/45/SC.2/L.2.

The Board also took note of the report of Sessional Committee II in documents TD/B/45/SC.2/L.1 and Add.1 and 2 and decided that it should form an integral part of the report of the Board on its forty-fifth session.

Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters [9]

(a) Review of the calendar of meetings

The Board approved the calendar of meetings for the remainder of 1998 and for 1999 (TD/B/45/L.4).

(b) Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board

The Board was informed that there were no additional financial implication stemming form the actions of the session for the current biennium programme budget.

Other matters [10]

The General Assembly at its current session invited the Trade and Development Board to take a final decision at its forty-fifth session on the question of the selection, nomination and appointment of experts to participate in the expert meetings of its Commissions, so as to enable the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development secretariat to carry out the foreseen activities without further delay.

On the basis of a draft submitted by the Vice-President of the Board, H.E. Mr. Anthony Hill (Jamaica), agreement on this issue was reached in the Bureau. The Board adopted the draft decision entitled "Financing the participation of developing country experts in UNCTAD expert meetings" (TD/B/45/L.3).

Adoption of the report of the Board at its forty-fifth session [11]

The Rapporteur, Mr. Philippe Merlin (France), introduced the draft report to the Board. The Board adopted the report (TD/B/45/L.1 and Add.1-4) and authorized the Rapporteur to complete the report, as appropriate.

The Board authorized the Rapporteur, under the authority of the President, to finalize and complete the report of the Board to the General Assembly.

Closing statements

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77) and Austria (on behalf of the European Union).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 10 December 1984

Ratification: Indonesia (28 October 1998)*

United Nations Convention on Independent Guarantees and Stand-by Letters of Credit. New York, 11 December 1995

Accession: Kuwait (28 October 1998)*

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996

Signature: The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (29 October 1998)

Amendments to articles 6 (6) and 7 (1) of the Statutes of the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology. Trieste, Italy, 3 December 1996

Ratification: Croatia (28 October 1998)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Saturday, 31 October 1998

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

Second regular session of 1998

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

Announcement

The monthly tentative forecast has been made available to Member States in accordance with the Notes by the President of the Security Council dated 27 July 1993 (S/26176) and 30 April 1998 (S/1998/354). In accordance with the aforementioned decisions, copies of the tentative forecast have been placed in the delegations' boxes and may be collected at the delegations' "pick-up area".

Monday, 2 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 50th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/544/) [125].
2. Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/545) [136].
3. Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/546) [140].
4. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) [49].
5. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolution (A/53/L.17) [20 (b)].
6. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [14]:
   (a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Agency (A/53/286);
   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.18);
   (c) Amendment (A/53/L.19).

3 p.m. 51st PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [14]:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Agency (A/53/286);

(b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.18);

(c) Amendment (A/53/L.19).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 21st meeting Conference Room 2

Thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 63 to 80 *(continued)*

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/53/INF.1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 14th meeting Conference Room 2

1. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [85] (A/53/127, A/C.4/53/L.8): *general debate*
2. Allocation of items to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (A/C.4/53/9)

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	31st meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Sustainable development and international economic co-operation [93] (A/53/296, A/53/374, A/53/60, A/53/62, A/53/63-S/1998/100, A/53/69, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/96, A/53/124, A/53/155, A/53/168, A/53/204, A/53/371-S/1998/848, A/53/396, A/53/411, A/53/412, A/53/416, A/53/447 and Corr.1, A/53/453, A/53/493, A/53/506, A/C.2/53/4)

   (e) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s (A/53/553, A/C.2/53/3)

   Conclusion of general discussion

2. Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [98] (A/53/329, A/53/223 and Add.1, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311)

   Introductory statement and general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	32nd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Juan Somavía, President of the Economic and Social Council

2. Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [98] (A/53/329, A/53/223 and Add.1, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311)

   Conclusion of general discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	30th meeting	Conference Room 1

Human rights questions: Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [110 (d)] (A/53/372)

Introductory statement by the High Commissioner for Human Rights

Dialogue with the High Commissioner for Human Rights

General discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	31st meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [107]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.19 and A/C.3/53/L.20

2. Rights of peoples to self-determination [109]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.16 and A/C.3/53/L.17

3. Human rights questions: Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [110 (d)] (A/53/372)

   Continuation of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/53/11, A/C.5/53/23, A/C.5/53/24 and A/C.5/53/28))

3 p.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

   Thematic reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/51/933, A/52/575, A/52/339 and Add.1, A/52/776, A/52/777, A/52/821, A/52/1010, A/52/1020 and A/53/467)

   Conclusion of general discussion

2. Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B [145]

   Conclusion of general discussion

3. Joint Inspection Unit [165] (A/51/34, A/52/34, A/51/559 and Corr.1, A/52/206, A/52/267 and A/53/180)

   Conclusion of general discussion

4. United Nations common system [120] (A/53/30, A/52/811 and A/C.5/53/27)

   Introduction and general discussion

5. United Nations pension system [121] (A/53/9, A/C.5/53/18 and A/53/511)

Introduction and general discussion

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 114 (Programme planning (A/53/6 (Prog.1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13/Rev.1, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (French only), 24 and Corr.1, 26, 27 and 28), A/53/16, A/53/90, A/53/122 and Add.1, A/53/133 and Corr.1 (Spanish only) and A/53/134))

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* Following the adjournment of the 18th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 4

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session [150] (A/53/10 and Corr.1)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Joint Inspection Unit: More coherence for enhanced oversight in the United Nations system

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

Second regular session of 1998

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

Ms. Catherine Bertini, Executive Director of the World Food Programme, will brief delegations of the General Assembly on "Eradicating Hunger". The Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, Mr. David Prendergast, will chair the briefing. This meeting is in connection with agenda items 95 (Operational activities for development (relief/development linkages)), 103 (Advancement of Women), 98 (Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)) and 110 (b) (Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms). The briefing will be held on Monday, 2 November 1998, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

The coordinator of the draft resolution on the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, Mr. Busacca (Italy), will hold informal consultations from 2 to 13 November 1998 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D. Copies of the preliminary draft can be obtained in room S-2950.

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The twentieth meeting of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee will be held on Monday, 2 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Informal consultations on agenda item 38 (Oceans and the Law of the Sea) will be held on Monday, 2 November 1998, in Conference Room 4, following the adjournment of the 19th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 2 November 1998

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(item 37: World Summit for Social Development)

9.30 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(item 108: Racism and Racial Discrimination)

9.30 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on the Development Account; Revitalization of Habitat; Business and Development; and Cultural Development)

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

ARAB GROUP OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room CB-2

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 91 (a): Trade and development; and item 98: Implementation of the United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on sub- items 94 (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e): Environment and sustainable development)

3 p.m.-4.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

4 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on item 91 (b): Financial crisis and its impact on growth and development; item 91 (c): Commodities; and item 92(b): Industrial development cooperation)

4.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 4 November 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 3 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	52nd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Election of the judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [47]:

(a) Letter from the President of the Security Council (A/53/442);

(b) Memorandum by the Secretary-General, including the list of candidates (A/53/443);

(c) Curricula vitae (A/53/444, Corr.1 (Chinese, English, French and Spanish only) and Add.1).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 2

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 2

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 4

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee, beginning on Wednesday, 4 November 1998, as follows:

On 4 November, following the Committee's dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Mary Robinson: Mr. Max van der Stoel (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Iraq); Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on Religious Intolerance); Mr. Roberto Garreton (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); Mr. Jiri Dienstbier (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Former Yugoslavia); Mr. Rajsoomer Lallah (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar); Mr. Soli Jehangir Sorabjee (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Nigeria); Mr. Adama Dieng (Independent Expert on the Situation of Human Rights in Haiti); Ms. Asma Jahangir (Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions); and Mr. Francis Deng (Special Rapporteur on Internally Displaced Persons);

On 5 November: M. Michel Mousalli (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the Situation of Human Rights in Rwanda); and Mr. Nigel Rodley (Special Rapporteur on Torture);

On 6 November: Mr. Thomas Hammarberg (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the Situation of Human Rights in Cambodia); and Mr. Maurice Copithorne (Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for questions and comments.

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The 1998 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 1998 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held in two segments.

The joint opening of both Pledging Conferences will take place on Tuesday, 3 November 1998, at 3 p.m., in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to be followed by the segment devoted to the 1998 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme.

The second segment devoted to the 1998 Pledging Conference for Development Activities will be held on Wednesday, 4 November, at 10 a.m. and on Thursday, 5 November, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

It would be appreciated if delegations that have not already submitted the names of their representatives to both Pledging Conferences could do so to the Secretary of the Pledging Conferences, Mr. Alexandre de Barros (room S-2950-G, tel.: 963-2320).

The list of speakers for both pledging conferences is open until Monday, 2 November.

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The 240th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People *(at the ambassadorial level)* will be held on Wednesday, 4 November 1998, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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There will be a closed meeting of the Arab Group *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Tuesday, 3 November 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room D.

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Dialogue

The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Mary Robinson, will hold a dialogue with representatives of non-governmental organizations on the follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action on Wednesday, 4 November 1998, at 3 p.m. sharp in Conference Room 1.

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Seminar

A seminar on the theme "Accounting for Gender in National Budgets", organized by the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), will be held on Wednesday, 4 November 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The main speaker will be Ms. Diane Elson, Special Advisor to the Executive Director, UNIFEM. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

The informal consultations on agenda item 37 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development) will be held on Tuesday, 3 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

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There will be informal consultations on agenda item 38 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments) on Wednesday, 4 November 1998, and on Friday, 6 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Rom A.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 4 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m; Thursday, 5 November from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 6 November from 3 to 6 p.m.

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Briefing

The Permanent Representative of Japan, H.E. Mr. Yukio Satoh, will hold a briefing on the outcome of the Second Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD II) on Thursday, 5 November 1998, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Representatives of TICAD II, the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), the United Nations Development Programme and the Global Coalition for Africa will participate. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 29 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

49th plenary meeting

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity: report of the Secretary-General (A/53/419) [35]

Statements were made by the representatives of Burkina Faso (on behalf of the Organization of African Unity), Austria (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Nigeria (on behalf of the African States), Senegal, Swaziland, Tunisia, Japan, Norway, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Ethiopia, the Republic of Korea and Benin.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 2011 (XX) of 11 October 1965, the observer for the Organization of African Unity made a statement.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community [23]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/275 and Add.1);

(b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.15)

The representative of Guyana made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.15.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia), the Dominican Republic (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Jamaica and the Republic of Korea.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/8 of 16 October 1991, the observer for the Caribbean Community made a statement.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.15 (resolution 53/17).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 23.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that agenda item 168 entitled "Dialogue among civilizations" would be considered on Wednesday, 4 November 1998, in the morning.

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE 16th and 17th meetings

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session [150]

Statements were made by the representatives of Bangladesh, Mexico, Brazil, the Republic of Korea, Bulgaria, New Zealand, France, Malawi, the Czech Republic, Singapore, Uruguay, Sweden, the Philippines, Israel, Pakistan, Japan, Italy, Greece and Nigeria.

The observers for Switzerland and for the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee also made statements.

The Chairman of the International Law Commission, Mr. João Clemente Baena Soares, introduced Chapters VI, VIII and IX of the Commission's report.

The Special Rapporteur, Mr. P.S. Rao, commented on the observations made by delegations on the topic concerning prevention of transboundary damage from hazardous activities.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Organization [154]

The representative of Ukraine introduced draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.3 entitled "Implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions."

It was announced the Belarus and Turkey have joined the list of sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.3.

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Addendum to the summary of the 13th meeting of the Sixth Committee (see *Journal* No. 1998/206, p.12): the following text should be added:

The Committee noted that the observations by the International Court of Justice on the consequences that the increase in the volume of cases before it had on its operation, submitted in response to paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 52/161 of 15 December 1997 and contained in document A/53/326, related closely to item 113 of the agenda of the current session of the General Assembly, an item assigned to the Fifth Committee.

Consequently, the Committeet requested its Chairman to transmit that document to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee without delay for possible consideration by that Committee in connection with agenda item 113.

Friday, 30 October 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3938th meeting

The situation concerning Western Sahara

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation concerning Western Sahara (S/1998/997)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1998/1011, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1998/1011).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1998/1011) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1204 (1998).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 19th meeting

The Committee continued its second stage of work.

Thematic discussion

A statement was made by the representative of Panama on behalf of the Rio Group.

Presentation and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda item 63 to 80

The representative of the Netherlands introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.43.

The representative of Germany introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.30.

The representative of Romania made a statement on draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.30.

The representative of Mexico introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.18.

The representative of Egypt introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.3*.

The representative of the United States introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.49.

The representative of Canada introduced draft resolutions A/C.1/53/L.33 and A/C.1/53/L.24.

The representative of Pakistan made a statement on draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.24 and introduced amendments to that resolution in A/C.1/53/L.51.

The representative of Brazil, on behalf of MERCOSUR, Bolivia and Chile, and the representative of France made statements on draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.33.

The representative of Saudi Arabia made a statement on draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.3*.

The representative of the Republic of Korea made a statement on draft resolutions A/C.1/53/L.6 and A/C.1/53/L.38.

20th meeting

The representative of Romania made a statement.

The Committee continued its second stage of work.

Presentation and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda item 63 to 80

The representative of South Africa introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.41/Rev.1.

The representative of Portugal made a statement on draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.13/Rev.1 and A/C.1/53/L.41/Rev.1.

The representative of Egypt introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.39.

The representative of Mongolia made a statement on draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.10/Rev.1.

The representative of Brazil (on behalf of MERCOSUR, as well as of Bolivia and Chile) made a statement on draft resolution A/C.1/ 53/L.9.

The representative of Algeria introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.32/Rev.2.

The representative of Germany introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.31/Rev.1.

The representatives of Finland, Ireland and Portugal made statements on draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.31/Rev.1.

The representative of the United Kingdom introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.12.

SECOND COMMITTEE 29th meeting

Environment and sustainable development [94]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.21

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representatives of Indonesia and Kenya introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [97]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.22

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representative of Egypt introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam and Indonesia.

Macroeconomic policy questions [91]

(a) Trade and development

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the President of the Trade and Development Board of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Brazil (also on behalf of Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay), Bangladesh, the United States, Cuba, the Russian Federation, Thailand (also on behalf of Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore and Viet Nam), China, Australia (also on behalf of Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Fiji, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand, Paraguay, the Philippines, South Africa, Thailand and Uruguay), Nigeria, the Republic of Korea, Kazakhstan, Belarus and Pakistan.

The representative of the European Community also made a statement.

30th meeting

The Committee resumed consideration of agenda item 91 (a).

Statements were made by the representatives of Kenya, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Turkey, Georgia, Singapore, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan, Ukraine, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Viet Nam, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Panama (also on behalf of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela and Guyana), the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Philippines and South Africa.

The representative of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization also made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 91 (a).

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93]

(e) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

The Committee began consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representative of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Austria (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia, as well as the associated country, Cyprus, which aligned themselves with this statement), Norway, Nigeria, China and Zambia.

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 93 (c) and (f) was Monday, 2 November, at 6 p.m.

THIRD COMMITTEE 29th meeting

Human rights questions: Implementation of human rights instruments [110 (a)]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Cape Verde, Senegal, Argentina, Lebanon, Rwanda, Ukraine, Australia, Mongolia, the Philippines and Bhutan.

The Committee concluded its general discussion of the item.

Advancement of women [103]

Action on draft resolutions

A/C.3/53/L.10

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that the Bahamas, Chile, Croatia, the Gambia, Latvia, Nigeria, Slovenia and Thailand had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Cyprus, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Hungary, India, Liechtenstein, Mali, Sierra Leone, Uganda and Zambia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as corrected, without a vote.

A/C.3/53/L.11

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the Netherlands corrected the text and announced that Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Benin, Egypt, Eritrea, Estonia, Guyana, Latvia, Madagascar, Thailand and Uruguay had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Côte d'Ivoire, El Salvador, India, Poland and Swaziland joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as corrected, without a vote.

A/C.3/53/L.12/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Norway orally revised the text, announced that Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Barbados, Burundi, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Namibia, New Zealand, Saint Lucia, Trinidad and Tobago and Turkey should have been original sponsors of the draft resolution, and also announced that Austria, Belgium, Israel, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Romania and the United Kingdom had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cape Verde, the Central African Republic, the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, the Dominican Republic, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kenya, Poland, the Republic of Moldova, Thailand and Uganda joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committed adopted the revised draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

A/C.3/53/L.13

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brazil, Fiji, Guatemala, Guinea, Kenya, Latvia, Madagascar, Malta, the Marshall Islands, Morocco, Myanmar, Poland, Samoa, the Sudan, Suriname, the United Republic of Tanzania, Thailand, Tunisia, the United States and Yemen had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Belarus, Botswana, Cape Verde, the Central African Republic, the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Guyana, India, Lesotho, Malawi, Swaziland and Zambia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 103.

Right of reply

The representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made a statement in exercise of the right of reply.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 17th meeting

Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B [145]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Canada (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia), the Syrian Arab Republic, Egypt and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Algeria, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Cuba and Yemen.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services responded to questions posed.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

Joint Inspection Unit [165]

Following a statement by the representative of Cuba, and on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to conclude the general discussion on agenda items 112, 145 and 165 on Monday, 2 November 1998, in the afternoon, and to close the list of speakers on those items the same day at 1 p.m.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Cuba and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The representative of Tunisia made a statement in connection with the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/53/414.

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COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY — 194th meeting

The Chairman spoke.

Draft report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (A/AC.154/1998/CRP.1 and CRP.2)

The Chairman made a statement. The Rapporteur introduced the draft report, which was then adopted by the Committee.

Other matters

The Chairman spoke.

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica and the United States, as well as by the observer for Malta.

COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION
Twentieth session — 9th meeting

The representatives of Brazil, Egypt, Indonesia and the Netherlands made statements.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the revised text of its draft resolution B, as orally amended.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, the Netherlands (on behalf of the Western European and Other States Group), Argentina (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States Group), Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Belarus (on behalf of Eastern European States Group).

The Under-Secretary-General for Public Information and the Chairman of the Committee also made statements.

The Committee thus concluded its twentieth session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Signature: Slovenia (30 October 1998)

Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters. Aarhus, Denmark, 25 June 1998

Signature: Albania (25 June 1998)
Signature: Armenia (25 June 1998)
Signature: Austria (25 June 1998)
Signature: Bulgaria (25 June 1998)
Signature: Croatia (25 June 1998)
Signature: Cyprus (25 June 1998)
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Signature: Spain (25 June 1998)
Signature: Sweden (25 June 1998)
Signature: Switzerland (25 June 1998)
Signature: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (25 June 1998)
Signature: European Community (25 June 1998)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of November has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Sudan
H.E. Mr. Elfatih Mohamed Ahmed Erwa

Asian States:
Oman
H.E. Mr. Fuad Mubarak Al-Hinai

Eastern European States:
Romania
H.E. Mr. Ion Gorita

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Ecuador
H.E. Mr. Luis Valencia Rodríguez

Western European and Other States:
Australia
H.E. Ms. Penelope Anne Wensley

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 3 November 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3.30 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Programme of work

Iraq

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

1998 UNITED NATIONS/FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME

1998 UNITED NATIONS PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

First segment

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	1st meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Joint opening of the Pledging Conferences by the Secretary-General
2. Election of officers
3. Statements regarding pledges
4. Adoption of the draft report (A/CONF.186/L.1)
5. Closure of the Conference segment

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	52nd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Election of the judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [47]:

(a) Letter from the President of the Security Council (A/53/442);

(b) Memorandum by the Secretary-General, including the list of candidates (A/53/443);

(c) Curricula vitae (A/53/444, Corr.1 (Chinese, English, French and Spanish only) and Add.1).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 2

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 63 to 80

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/53/INF.1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 2

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [85] (A/53/127, A/C.4/53/L.8)

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	33rd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Sustainable development and international economic co-operation [93]

   (e) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.23

2. Training and research [96]

   (a) United Nations University

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.24

3. Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [98] (A/53/329, A/53/223 and Add.1, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311)

   Conclusion of general discussion

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the following draft resolutions: A/C.2/53/L.7 (Sectoral policy questions) (item 92 (a)); A/C.2/53/L.14 (Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership) (item 93 (d)); A/C.2/53/L.19 (Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (item 93 (c)); and A/C.2/53/L.22 (Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources) (item 97)

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* Following the adjournment of the 33rd meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 1

Human rights questions: Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [110 (d)] (A/53/372)

Conclusion of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Pattern of conferences (A/51/946, A/52/7 (paras. 113 and 114), A/52/685, A/52/803, A/52/1000, A/53/16 (paras. 334-352), A/53/21, A/53/32, A/53/221, A/53/257 and A/53/507))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 145 (Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B)

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 4

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session [150] (A/53/10 and Corr.1)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Procurement reform

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

Second regular session of 1998

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 3 November 1998

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on items 94 (a), (b), (d) and (e): Environment and sustainable development)

10 a.m.- 11 a.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

ARAB GROUP
(at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on items 92 (a): Business and Development (A/C.2/53/L.7); 93 (g): Cultural Development; item 93 (b) : Economies in transition in the world economy (A/C.2/53/L.13); 91 (a): Transit environment in the land-locked States; and 96 (a): United Nations University (A/C.2/53/L.24))

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on item 91 (b): Financial crisis and its impact on growth and development, especially to the developing countries (A/C.2/53/L.4))

3 p.m.- 4.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

AFRICAN GROUP: GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

3.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on item 98: Implementation of the United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006))

4.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

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Informal consultations

The informal consultations on agenda item 37 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development) will be held *today*, 3 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on safety and security of United Nations personnel and other humanitarian personnel, organized by the delegation of Austria, *today*, 3 November 1998, from 1 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Dialogue

The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Mary Robinson, will hold a dialogue with representatives of non-governmental organizations *and interested delegations* on the follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action *today*, 3 November 1998, at 3 p.m. sharp in Conference Room 1.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 4 November 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 4 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	53rd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Dialogue among civilizations: draft resolution (A/53/L.23) [168].

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 2

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 2

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	34th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

* Following the adjournment of the 34th meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 4

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1998 UNITED NATIONS PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Second segment

10 a.m.	1st meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Election of officers
2. Statements regarding pledges (A/CONF.185/1, A/CONF.182/2, A/53/226/Add.2)

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee, beginning on Wednesday, 4 November 1998, as follows:

On 4 November, following the Committee's dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Mary Robinson: Mr. Max van der Stoel (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Iraq); Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on Religious Intolerance); Mr. Roberto Garreton (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); Mr. Jiri Dienstbier (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Former Yugoslavia); Mr. Rajsoomer Lallah (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar); Mr. Soli Jehangir Sorabjee (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Nigeria); Mr. Adama Dieng (Independent Expert on the Situation of Human Rights in Haiti); Ms. Asma Jahangir (Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions); and Mr. Francis Deng (Special Rapporteur on Internally Displaced Persons);

On 5 November: M. Michel Mousalli (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the Situation of Human Rights in Rwanda); and Mr. Nigel Rodley (Special Rapporteur on Torture);

On 6 November: Mr. Thomas Hammarberg (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the Situation of Human Rights in Cambodia); and Mr. Maurice Copithorne (Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for questions and comments.

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The 240th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People *(at the ambassadorial level)* will be held on Wednesday, 4 November 1998, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. F. Paolo Fulci (Italy), Vice-President of the Council, the Working Group of the Economic and Social Council on the allocation of seats to the Executive Board of the World Food Programme will meet on Thursday, 5 November 1998, at 3.30 p.m. in Room C-209.

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United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 1999* on Thursday, 12 November 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the Development Account; and item 93 (c) (Revitalization of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat))* on Wednesday, 4 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (on item 91 (b) *(Financial crisis and its impact on growth and development, especially to the developing countries (A/C.2/53/L.4))* on Thursday, 5 November 1998, from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Seminar

A seminar on the theme "Accounting for Gender in National Budgets", organized by the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), will be held on Wednesday, 4 November 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The main speaker will be Ms. Diane Elson, Special Adviser to the Executive Director, UNIFEM. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Briefings

Mr. Choi Young-Jin, Assistant Secretary-General for Planning and Support, Department of Peacekeeping Operations, will hold a briefing for Member States on the United Nations Stand-by Arrangements System on Wednesday, 4 November 1998, at 4.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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The Permanent Representative of Japan, H.E. Mr. Yukio Satoh, will hold a briefing on the outcome of the Second Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD II) on Thursday, 5 November 1998, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Representatives of TICAD II, the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), the United Nations Development Programme and the Global Coalition for Africa will participate. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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In conjunction with agenda item 24 (Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review), there will be a briefing, sponsored by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), on Monday, 9 November 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The speakers will be Mr. Asghar Husain, Director of UNESCO's Unit for Cooperation with Africa (on "UNESCO's New Partnerships in Africa"); Mr. Wataru Nishigahiro, Minister, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations (on the Second Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD II)); Dr. Nigel Gibson, Deputy Director, Columbia University's Institute for African Studies (on "Reassessing Africa on the Verge of the 21st century"); and Mr. Daouda Touré, Special Policy Adviser, United Nations Special Initiative on Africa (UNDP) (who will provide an overview of the Special Initiative). A discussion will follow. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors on agenda item 42 (Assistance in mine clearance), organized by the delegation of Austria, on Thursday, 5 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room D. All delegations are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on agenda item 38 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments) on *Thursday, 5 November 1998*, and on Friday, 6 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Rom A.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 4 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m; Thursday, 5 November from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 6 November from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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Informal presentation

There will be an informal presentation on the theme "Governance, Public Management and Regime of Law in Developing and Transitional Countries" by Prof. Klaus Konig, German University for Administrative Sciences. The presentation, organized by the Division of Public Economics and Public Administration of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held on Tuesday, 17 November 1998, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Rom A. All interested delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 2 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

50th plenary meeting

Financing of the United Nations Mission for the referendum in Western Sahara: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/544) [125]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/544) (resolution 53/18).

The representative of Morocco made a statement on a point of order.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 125.

Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/545) [136]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/545) (resolution 53/19).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 136.

Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/546) [140]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/546) (resolution 53/20).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 140.

Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) [49]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of agenda item 49 and to include it in the provisional agenda of the fifty-fourth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 49.

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolution (A/53/L.17) [20 (b)]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.17) (resolution 53/1 C).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 20.

Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [14]

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the agency (A/53/286);

(b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.18);

(c) Amendment (A/53/L.19)

The Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency presented the report of the Agency for the year 1997.

The representative of Slovenia made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.18.

The representative of Iraq made a statement in the course of which he introduced the amendment to draft resolution A/53/L.18 contained in A/53/L.19.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, the Republic of Korea, Austria (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), South Africa, India, Australia, Kazakhstan, the Czech Republic, the Russian Federation and Japan.

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: General Assembly resolution 53/1 C [20 (b)]

Under rule 81 of its rules of procedure, the General Assembly decided to reconsider resolution 53/1 C, adopted earlier during the meeting and whose text was contained in document A/53/L.17.

The representative of Honduras made a statement in the course of which he orally revised resolution 53/1 C.

The Assembly adopted resolution 53/1 C, as orally revised.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 20.

51st plenary meeting

Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [14]:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Agency (A/53/286);

(b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.18);

(c) Amendment (A/53/L.19)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 14.

Statements were made by the representatives of Myanmar, Slovakia, the United States, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Pakistan, Egypt, Armenia, Brazil, Cuba, Ukraine, Belarus and New Zealand.

The representative of Slovenia made a statement in the course of which he orally revised draft resolution A/53/L.18.

The representative of Iraq made a statement in the course of which he withdrew the amendment contained in document A/53/L.19.

Statements on a point of order were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Slovenia and Swaziland.

The representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made a statement in explanation of the vote before the vote.

By 113 votes to 1 , with 8 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.18 (resolution 53/21).

Statements in explanation of the vote after the vote were made by the representatives of India, China, Pakistan, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Russian Federation and Cuba.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 14.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 21st meeting

Note: The summary of the 21st meeting of the First Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/212).

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 14th meeting

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects [85]

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements made by the representatives of Egypt, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Burkina Faso, Kuwait, Ethiopia, Ghana, China, Jamaica, India, Myanmar, Belarus, Botswana, Cuba, Cyprus, the Philippines, Croatia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ecuador and Indonesia.

Allocation of items to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee

The Chairman drew attention to document A/C.4/53/9 containing a letter from the Chairman of the Fifth Committee concerning the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001. On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided that members wishing to submit their views on programmes 2 (Political affairs) and 3 (Peaceful uses of outer space) should do so in writing no later than Thursday, 5 November, for transmittal to the Fifth Committee.

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that, as scheduled on the programme of work, the next item for consideration would be agenda item 83 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East). Delegations were urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers as soon as possible.

SECOND COMMITTEE 31st meeting

The Chairman of the Committee expressed condolences to the Governments and the peoples of Central America on the tragic loss of life caused by natural disasters in the area.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93]

(e) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

The Committee continued consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representative of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Maldives, Bangladesh (on behalf of the Least Developed Countries), Nepal, Benin, Mozambique, the Republic of Korea, Japan, Ethiopia and the Sudan.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on agenda item 93 (e).

Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [98]

The Committee began consideration of the item.

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Austria (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union (Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia) and the associated country, Cyprus, as well as the EFTA country member of the EEA, Iceland, which aligned themselves with the statement), Bangladesh, the United States, Norway, China, Japan and India.

32nd meeting

The President of the Economic and Social Council addressed the Committee.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs made a statement.

Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [98]

The Committee continued consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Yemen, Senegal, Tunisia, Mali, Peru, the Republic of Korea, Guinea, Kuwait, San Marino, Zambia, Jamaica, Madagascar and Nepal.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Bank and the United Nations Development Programme.

Organization of work

The representative of Kazakhstan made a statement.

The Committee agreed to extend the deadline for submission of draft proposals under agenda item 91 (a) to Friday, 6 November, at 6 p.m.

The deadline for submission of draft proposals under agenda item 93 (e) was Thursday, 5 November, at 1 p.m.

THIRD COMMITTEE

30th meeting

Human rights questions: Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [110 (d)]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by Ms. Mary Robinson, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, the United States, Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Cuba, Bangladesh, Japan, Norway and Egypt.

31st meeting

Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [107]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.19

The representative of Denmark, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Brazil, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.20

The representative of Denmark, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Brazil, introduced the draft resolution.

Right of peoples to self-determination [109]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.16

The representative of Pakistan, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Albania, Azerbaijan, Egypt, Kuwait, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Singapore, Togo and the United Arab Emirates, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.17

The representative of Cuba, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Benin, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, Eritrea and the Niger, introduced the draft resolution.

Human rights questions: Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [110 (d)]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Australia, Thailand, the Russian Federation and Argentina.

The representative of the International Labour Organization also made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman reminded the Committee that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under agenda item 110 (d) was Tuesday, 10 November, at 6 p.m. The Chairman also reminded delegations that the Committee would take action on those draft proposals which were ready for action on Thursday, 5 November, in the afternoon.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 18th meeting

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

Thematic reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/52/1010, A/52/1020 and A/53/467)

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement.

In the absence of speakers, the Chairman declared that the Committee had thus concluded its general discussion on the aforementioned reports.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Chairman informed the Committe that informal consultations on this question would begin on Wednesday, 11 November, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Sharon Brennen-Haylock (Bahamas), Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B [145]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Cuba, Algeria and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services responded to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item.

The Chairman then informed the Committe that informal consultations on this agenda item would begin on Tuesday, 3 November, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Regina Emerson (Portugal).

Joint Inspection Unit [165]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative Indonesia made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committe that informal consultations on this agenda item would begin on Wednesday, 11 November, in the morning, under the chairmanship of Mr. Tammam Sulaiman (Syrian Arab Republic), Rapporteur of the Committee.

United Nations common system [120]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission, Mr. Mohsen Bel Hadj Amor, introduced the report of the Commission (A/53/30 and Corr.1).

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Cyprus) and Belarus.

The President of the Coordinating Committee for Independent Staff Unions and Associations of the United Nations System (CCISUA) made a statement.

The President of the Federation of International Civil Servants Associations (FICSA) also made a statement and drew attention to document A/C.5/53/27.

The Chairman informed the Committee that the list of speakers for the general discussion on this agenda item would be closed on the same day at 6 p.m.

United Nations pension system [121]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, Mr. Dieter Goethel, introduced the report of the Board (A/53/9).

The Under-Secretary-General for Management introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the investments of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (A/C.5/53/18).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/53/511).

The Chairman informed the Committee that the list of speakers for the general discussion on this agenda item would be closed on Tuesday, 3 November, at 1 p.m.

The representative of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Cyprus) made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 18th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session [150]

Statements were made by the representatives of Romania, Mexico, Germany, Venezuela, Italy, Croatia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Spain, Cuba and Tunisia.

The Special Rapporteur, Mr. Víctor Rodríguez Cedeño, commented on the observations made by delegations on the topic concerning unilateral acts of States.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. Montego Bay, 10 December 1982

Ratification: Nepal (2 November 1998)*

Agreement relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982. New York, 28 July 1994

Participation: Nepal (2 November 1998)*

International Natural Rubber Agreement, 1995. Geneva, 17 February 1995

Extension of time limit for the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval to 31 December 1999

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

CORRIGENDUM

Under the third entry appearing in this section, on Friday, 16 October 1998 (see *Journal* No. 1998/199, p.12), the following should be considered null and void:

Signature: Sudan (11 September 1998)

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 4 November 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

11.15 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Afghanistan

Briefing by Mr. Lakhdar Brahimi, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Afghanistan

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

3.30 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Iraq

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

1998 UNITED NATIONS PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Second segment

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	1st meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Election of officers
2. Statements regarding (A/CONF.185/1, A/CONF.182/2, A/53/226/Add.2)

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	53rd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Dialogue among civilizations: draft resolution (A/53/L.23/Rev.1) [168].

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 2

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 63 to 80

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/53/INF.1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 2

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [85] (A/53/127, A/C.4/53/L.8)

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	34th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Training and research [96]

(b) United Nations Institute for Training and Research (A/53/14, Suppl. No. 14, A/53/534)

Introduction and general discussion

Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Consultations with H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran), Chairman of the Second Committee, on assessment of the work of the Committee

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.15 (Small island developing States (item 94 (c)), A/C.2/53/L.9 (World Summit for Children (item 95), A/C.2/53/L.21 (United Nations Environment Programme (item 94) and A/C.2/53/L.11 and Corr.1 (El Niño (item 94))

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* Immediately following the 34th meeting of the Second Committee.

* Immediately following the informal consultations of the Chairman.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions [110] (A/53/3, A/53/58, A/53/74, A/53/75, A/53/77-S/1998/171, A/53/79, A/53/80, A/53/94-S/1998/309, A/53/99-S/1998/344, A/53/131-S/1998/435, A/53/167, A/53/203, A/53/205-S/1998/711, A/53/214, A/53/215, A/53/225-S/1998/747, A/53/343, A/53/404, A/53/425, A/43/489*, A/53/493, A/53/494, A/53/497, A/53/557*, A/C.3/53/4, A/C.3/53/5, A/C.3/53/7 and A/53/165-S/1998/601, A/C.3/53/9)

2. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)] (A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/81-S/1998/225, A/53/82-S/1998/229, A/53/83-S/1998/230, A/53/86-S/1998/240, A/53/89-S/1998/250, A/53/93-S/1998/291, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/98-S/1998/335, A/53/113-S/1998/345, A/53/115-S/1998/365, A/53/268, A/53/279, A/53/284, A/53/293 and Add.1, A/53/304, A/53/ 309, A/53/313, A/53/324, A/53/337, A/53/400, A/53/501, A/C.3/53/6, A/C.3/53/L.5)

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* To be issued.

3. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)] (A/53/84-S/1998/234, A/53/114, A/53/120, A/53/182-S/1998/669, A/53/188, A/53/322, A/53/355, A/53/364, A/53/365, A/53/366, A/53/367, A/53/402, A/53/423, A/53/433, A/53/490, A/53/504, A/53/530, A/53/537, A/53/539*, A/53/563*, A/C.3/53/3, A/C.3/53/8)

4. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [110 (e)] (A/53/36, Suppl. No. 36)

Introductory statement by the High Commissioner for Human Rights

Dialogue with the High Commissioner for Human Rights

Introductory statements by:

Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Iraq

Special Rapporteur on the Elimination of all Forms of Religious Intolerance

Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [106]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.14/Rev.1

2. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [108]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.24 and L.25

3. Human rights questions: Implementation of human rights instruments [110 (a)]

Introduction of draft proposals A/C.3/53/L.21 to L.23

4. Human rights questions [110] (A/53/3, A/53/58, A/53/74, A/53/75, A/53/77-S/1998/171, A/53/79, A/53/80, A/53/94-S/1998/309, A/53/99-S/1998/344, A/53/131-S/1998/435, A/53/167, A/53/203, A/53/205-S/1998/711, A/53/214, A/53/215, A/53/225-S/1998/747, A/53/343, A/53/404, A/53/425, A/43/489*, A/53/493, A/53/494, A/53/497, A/53/557*, A/C.3/53/4, A/C.3/53/5, A/C.3/53/7 and A/53/165-S/1998/601, A/C.3/53/9)

5. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)] (A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/81-S/1998/225, A/53/82-S/1998/229, A/53/83-S/1998/230, A/53/86-S/1998/240, A/53/89-S/1998/250, A/53/93-S/1998/291, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/98-S/1998/335, A/53/113-S/1998/345, A/53/115-S/1998/365, A/53/268, A/53/279, A/53/284, A/53/293 and Add.1, A/53/304, A/53/309, A/53/313, A/53/324, A//53/337, A/53/400, A/53/501, A/C.3/53/6, A/C.3/53/L.5)

6. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)] (A/53/84-S/1998/234, A/53/114, A/53/120, A/53/182-S/1998/669, A/53/188, A/53/322, A/53/355, A/53/364, A/53/365, A/53/366, A/53/367, A/53/402, A/53/423, A/53/433, A/53/490, A/53/504, A/53/530, A/53/537, A/53/539*, A/53/563*, A/C.3/53/3, A/C.3/53/8)

7. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [110 (e)] (A/53/36, Suppl. No. 36)

Introductory statements by:

Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar

Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Nigeria

Independent Expert on the Situation of Human Rights in Haiti

Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions

Special Rapporteur on Internally Displaced Persons

* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. United Nations common system [120] (A/53/30 and Corr.1, A/52/811 and A/C.5/53/27)

Continuation of general discussion

2. United Nations pension system [121] (A/53/9, A/C.5/53/18 and A/53/511)

Continuation of general discussion

* To be issued.

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Conclusion of informal consultations on agenda item 114 (Programme planning (A/53/6 (Prog.1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13/Rev.1, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (French only), 24 and Corr.1, 26, 27 and 28), A/53/16, A/53/90, A/53/122 and Add.1, A/53/133 and Corr.1 (Spanish only) and A/53/134))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft work programme and proposed budget of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) for 1999
2. Joint Inspection Unit: United Nations publications: enhancing cost-effectiveness in implementing legislative mandates

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 4

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session [150] (A/53/10 and Corr.1)

COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	240th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on items 113: Development Account; 92 (a): Business and development (A/C.2/53/L.7); 93 (b) Economies in Transition in the world economy (A/C.2/53/L.13); 96 (a): United Nations University (A/C.2/53/L.24); 93 (c): Revitalization of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat))

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

10 30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

ARAB GROUP OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

Morning*- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

* Following the adjournment of the 23rd meeting of the First Committee.

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on item 98: Implementation of the United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006))

3 p.m.- 4 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on item 94: Environment and sustainable development)

4 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: *today*, 4 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m; Thursday, 5 November from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 6 November from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. *in Conference Room 9.*

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors on agenda item 42 (Assistance in mine clearance), organized by the delegation of Austria, *today*, 4 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room D. All delegations are invited to attend.

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Forum

There will be a meeting of the Women's International Forum *today*, 4 November 1998, at 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Penthouse. The Forum will be addressed by Mrs.Mary Robinson, High Commissioner for Human Rights. The subject will be the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (A critical assessment of past accomplishments and priorities for the future). Participants are asked to be seated by 11.45 a.m. Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Seminar

A seminar on the theme "Accounting for Gender in National Budgets", organized by the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), will be held *today*, 4 November 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The main speaker will be Ms. Diane Elson, Special Adviser to the Executive Director, UNIFEM. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Briefing

Mr. Choi Young-Jin, Assistant Secretary-General for Planning and Support, Department of Peacekeeping Operations, will hold a briefing for Member States on the United Nations Stand-by Arrangements System *today*, 4 November 1998, at 4.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Announcement

As from *today*, 4 November 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 5 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 2

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	35th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	36th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 4

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1998 UNITED NATIONS PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Second segment

10 a.m.	2nd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Statements regarding pledges (A/CONF.185/1, A/CONF.182/2, A/53/226/Add.2)
2. Adoption of the report (A/CONF.185/L.1)
3. Closure of Conference segment

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

H.E. Mr. Poul Nielson, Minister for Development, Denmark, Mr. Kwame Pianim, Economist (Ghana) and Professor Richard Falk, Princeton University (United States), will brief the Committee on "The Copenhagen Seminars for Social Progress: Denmark's contribution to the discussion on the follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development" on Wednesday, 11 November 1998, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee, as follows:

On 5 November: M. Michel Mousalli (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the Situation of Human Rights in Rwanda); and Mr. Nigel Rodley (Special Rapporteur on Torture);

On 6 November: Mr. Thomas Hammarberg (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the Situation of Human Rights in Cambodia); and Mr. Maurice Copithorne (Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for questions and comments.

THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

The coordinator of the draft resolution on the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, Mr. Busacca (Italy), will hold informal consultations on Thursday, 5 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. F. Paolo Fulci (Italy), Vice-President of the Council, the Working Group of the Economic and Social Council on the allocation of seats to the Executive Board of the World Food Programme will meet on Thursday, 5 November 1998, at 3.30 p.m. in Room C-209B.

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United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 1999* on Thursday, 12 November 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

The announcements in this section are reproduced as received. The designations employed do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee *(on item 37 (World Summit for Social Development))* on Thursday, 5 November 1998, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Thursday, 5 November 1998, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee *(on item 91 (b) (Financial crisis and its impact on growth and development, especially to the developing countries (A/C.2/53/L.4))* on Thursday, 5 November 1998, from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of likely co-sponsors to discuss the draft resolution on the situation of human rights in Kosovo (agenda item 110 (c)) on Thursday, 5 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the United States Mission to the United Nations. Please reply to 415-4274.

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There will be a meeting of likely co-sponsors to discuss the draft resolution on the situation of human rights in Bosnia-Herzegovina, in Croatia and in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (agenda item 110 (c)) on Friday, 6 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the United States Mission to the United Nations. Please reply to 415-4274.

Briefings

The Permanent Representative of Japan, H.E. Mr. Yukio Satoh, will hold a briefing on the outcome of the Second Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD II) on Thursday, 5 November 1998, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Representatives of TICAD II, the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), the United Nations Development Programme and the Global Coalition for Africa will participate. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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In conjunction with agenda item 24 (Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review), there will be a briefing, sponsored by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), on Monday, 9 November 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The speakers will be Mr. Asghar Husain, Director of UNESCO's Unit for Cooperation with Africa (on "UNESCO's New Partnerships in Africa"); Mr. Wataru Nishigahiro, Minister, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations (on the Second Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD II)); Dr. Nigel Gibson, Deputy Director, Columbia University's Institute for African Studies (on "Reassessing Africa on the Verge of the 21st century"); and Mr. Daouda Touré, Special Policy Adviser, United Nations Special Initiative on Africa (UNDP) (who will provide an overview of the Special Initiative). A discussion will follow. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on agenda item 38 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments) on Thursday, 5 November 1998, and on Friday, 6 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Rom A.

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Informal presentation

There will be an informal presentation on the theme "Governance, Public Management and Regime of Law in Developing and Transitional Countries" by Prof. Klaus König, German University for Administrative Sciences. The presentation, organized by the Division of Public Economics and Public Administration of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held on Tuesday, 17 November 1998, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Rom A. All interested delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 2 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 21st meeting

Note: The summary of the 21st meeting of the First Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/213).

Tuesday, 3 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

52nd plenary meeting

Election of the judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [47]:

(a) *Letter from the President of the Security Council (A/53/442);*

(b) *Memorandum by the Secretary-General, including the list of candidates (A/53/443);*

(c) *Curricula vitae (A/53/444, Corr.1 (Chinese, English, French and Spanish only) and Add.1)*

The President recalled that by its resolution 1165 (1998) of 30 April 1998 the Security Council had decided to establish a third Trial Chamber of the International Tribunal for Rwanda and that the elections for the three judges of the third Trial Chamber should be held together with the election for the six judges of the two existing Trial Chambers. The President further informed the Assembly that the judges would be elected to serve for a term of four years until 24 May 2003.

In accordance with article 12, subparagraph 3 (a), of the Statute of the International Tribunal for Rwanda, the Holy See and Switzerland were invited to participate in the election of the judges.

The representative of Mexico made a statement.

The observer of the Holy See made a statement.

The General Assembly proceeded to the election of the nine judges.

In the first ballot, having obtained the required majority, Mr. Pavel Dolenc (Slovenia), Mr. Mehmet Güney (Turkey), Mr. Laïty Kama (Senegal), Mr. Dionysios Kondylis (Greece), Mr. Erik Møse (Norway), Mr. Yakov Ostrovsky (Russian Federation), Ms. Navanethem Pillay (South Africa) and Mr. William Sekule (United Republic of Tanzania) were elected to serve on the International Tribunal for Rwanda.

Since one vacancy remained to be filled, the Assembly proceeded to a second round of balloting.

The result of the second ballot was inconclusive.

The representative of Burkina Faso announced that Mr. Cheick Dimkinsedo Ouédraogo (Burkina Faso) had decided to withdraw his name from the list of candidates.

The representative of the Niger announced that Mr. Bouba Mahamane (Niger) had decided to withdraw his name from the list of candidates.

The representative of Mali announced that Mr. Salifou Fomba (Mali) had decided to withdraw his name from the list of candidates.

The representative of Nepal announced that Ms. Indira Rana (Nepal) had decided to withdraw her name from the list of candidates.

The representative of Ethiopia announced that Mr. Tilahun Teshome (Ethiopia) had decided to withdraw his name from the list of candidates.

With one vacancy remaining to be filled, the meeting was suspended until the afternoon of the same day.

52nd (resumed) plenary meeting

Election of the judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [47]:

(a) *Letter from the President of the Security Council (A/53/442);*

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(c) *Curricula vitae (A/53/444, Corr.1 (Chinese, English, French and Spanish only) and Add.1)*

The General Assembly proceeded to a third round of balloting to fill the remaining vacancy.

The result of the third ballot was inconclusive.

The representative of Madagascar announced that Ms. Eugénie Liliane Arivony (Madagascar) had decided to withdraw her name from the list of candidates.

The Assembly proceeded to a fourth round of balloting to fill the remaining vacancy.

The result of the fourth ballot was inconclusive.

The representative of the Philippines announced that Mr. Willy C. Gaa (Philippines) had decided to withdraw his name from the list of candidates.

The representative of Sri Lanka announced that Mr. Asoka de Zoysa Gunawardena (Sri Lanka) had decided to withdraw his name from the list of candidates.

The Assembly proceeded to a fifth round of balloting to fill the remaining vacancy.

In the fifth ballot, having obtained the required majority, Mr. Lloyd George Williams (Jamaica and Saint Kitts and Nevis) was elected to serve on the International Tribunal for Rwanda.

The nine judges elected to serve on the International Tribunal for Rwanda for a term of office of four years until 24 May 2003 were the following: Mr. Pavel Dolenc (Slovenia), Mr. Mehmet Güney (Turkey), Mr. Laïty Kama (Senegal), Mr. Dionysios Kondylis (Greece), Mr. Eric Møse (Norway), Mr.Yakov Ostrovsky (Russian Federation), Ms. Navanethem Pillay (South Africa), Mr. William Sekule (United Republic of Tanzania) and Mr. Lloyd George Williams (Jamaica and Saint Kitts and Nevis).

The General Assembly was informed that the terms of office of six out of the nine judges would commence on 25 May 1999, following the expiration of the terms of office of the judges currently serving in the two existing Trial Chambers of the Tribunal.

The Assembly was also informed that three out of the nine judges would be designated to serve on the third Trial Chamber of the Tribunal by the Secretary-General in consultation with the President of the International Tribunal, and that their terms of office would commence as soon as possible following the elections so that the new third Trial Chamber could begin to function at the earliest possible date.

The International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 had thus been fully established.

The Assembly concluded its consideration of agenda item 47.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE — 22nd meeting

Note: The summary of the 22nd meeting of the First Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/213).

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) — 15th meeting

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects [85]

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements made by the representatives of Japan, Tunisia, Nepal, Israel, Viet Nam, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Mozambique, Fiji, Algeria, Romania, Norway, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Republic of Korea, New Zealand, Brazil (on behalf of member countries of MERCOSUR (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay), as well as Bolivia and Chile), Venezuela, Georgia and Haiti.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SECOND COMMITTEE — 33rd meeting

Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [98]

The Committee continued consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Viet Nam, Benin, Nigeria, Bahrain and Swaziland.

The representative of the International Labour Organization made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on agenda item 98.

Training and research [96]

(a) *United Nations University*

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.24

The Committee resumed consideration of agenda item 96 (a).

The representative of Japan introduced the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/53/L.24 on behalf of the sponsors listed as well as Australia, Thailand and Turkmenistan.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93]

(e) *Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s*

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.23

The Committee resumed consideration of agenda item 93 (e).

The representative of Indonesia introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

THIRD COMMITTEE 32nd meeting

Human rights questions: Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [110 (d)]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Ecuador, Mexico, Liechtenstein, Ukraine, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Romania, Canada, the Philippines, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakhstan, Morocco, Armenia, India and Colombia.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of item 110 (d).

Organization of work

The Chairman reminded the Committee that deadline for submission of draft proposals under agenda item 110 (d) was Tuesday, 10 November, at 6 p.m. The Chairman also reminded delegations that the Committee would take action on those draft proposals that would be ready for action on Thursday, 5 November, in the afternoon.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 19th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session [150]

The Chairman of the Commission, Mr. João Clemente Baena Soares, introduced Chapters VII and X of the Commission's Report dealing with State responsibility and other decisions and conclusions of the Commission, respectively.

Statements were made by the representatives of Hungary, Singapore, Israel and Denmark (on behalf of the Nordic countries).

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1998 UNITED NATIONS/FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME 1st meeting

1998 UNITED NATIONS PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Joint opening of the Pledging Conferences

The Secretary-General of the United Nations declared both 1998 Pledging Conferences opened and made a statement.

Election of officers of the 1998 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference of the World Food Programme

The Secretary-General invited the Conference to proceed to the election of its President.

H.E. Mr. Gian Nicola Filippi Balestra (San Marino) was elected as President and H.E. Ms. Zamira B. Eshmambetova (Kyrgyztan) was elected as Vice-President, by acclamation.

The President made an opening statement.

Statements regarding pledges

Statements were made and pledges announced by members of the Conference.

Adoption of the report

The Conference adopted its draft report contained in document A/CONF.186/L.1.

Closure of the Conference

The Executive Director of the World Food Programme made a concluding statement.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. London, 29 June 1990

Accession: Latvia (2 November 1998)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Copenhagen, 25 November 1992

Acceptance: Latvia (2 November 1998)*

Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations. Tampere, 18 June 1998

Signature: Italy (18 June 1998)

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Heavy Metals. Aarhus, 24 June 1998

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Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Aarhus, 24 June 1998

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